

Atty. Docket No. 41587/10304 (323)

*Amendments*

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.121, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

*Amendments to the Specification:*

Please amend the specification by inserting the replacement paragraph below for the last paragraph on page 3, continuing on to page 4:

The support element 4 in the working example according to FIG. 1 comprises a slightly arched panel 5 in one piece the upper end of which is connected to sliding elements 6~~sliding elements 16~~ fitted on the rods 3. The panel 5 comprises an upper panel portion 5a for supporting the lumbar vertebrae and a lower portion 5b for supporting the pelvis and the pelvic vertebrae. Between the portions 5a and 5b a linkage member 7 is linked to the rear of the panel 5 and has a free end which is linked to a guide 8 provided on the rods 3.